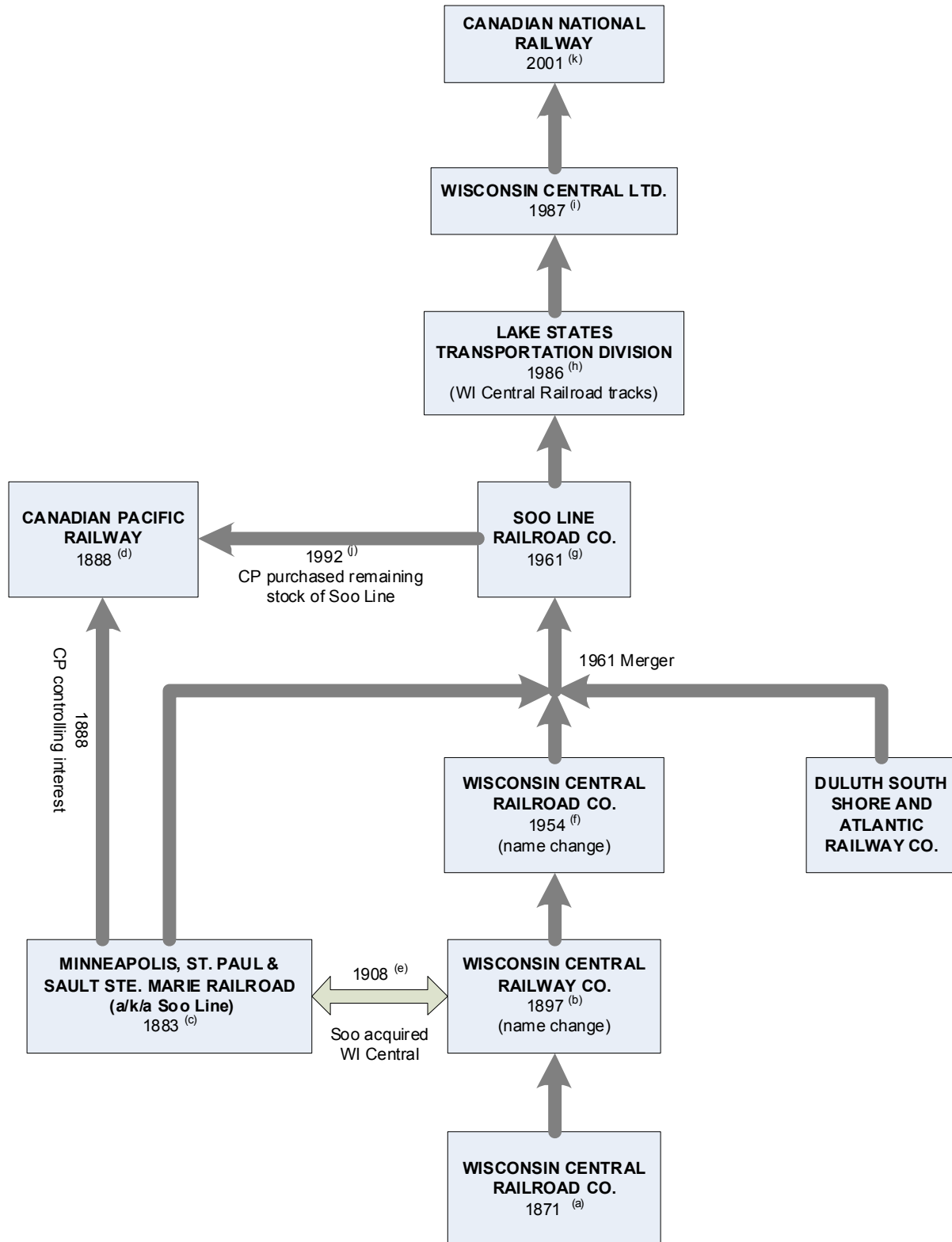


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FOOTNOTES

- (a) 1871: The original **Wisconsin Central Railroad Company** was established in 1871 and began building track from Menasha to Ashland. (Wisconsin Central Railway 1897-1954, [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wisconsin_Central_Railway_\(1897%E2%80%931954\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wisconsin_Central_Railway_(1897%E2%80%931954)), 11/11/2010; also CN-History of WC-Wisconsin Central Railway, <http://www.cn.ca/en/company-history-wisconsin-central-railway.htm>, 10/26/2009)
- (b) 1897: Wisconsin Central Railroad Company reorganized and became Wisconsin Central Railway Company. (Wisconsin Central Railway 1897-1954, [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wisconsin_Central_Railway_\(1897%E2%80%931954\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wisconsin_Central_Railway_(1897%E2%80%931954)), 11/11/2010)
- (c) 1883: **Minneapolis, Sault Ste. Marie and Atlantic Railway** was formed to build a railroad between Minneapolis and Sault Ste. Marie. (Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie Railroad, http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minneapolis,_St._Paul_and_Sault_Ste._Marie_Railway, 11/11/2010)
- (d) 1888: **Canadian Pacific Railway** acquired controlling interest of the Minneapolis, Sault Ste. Marie and Atlantic Railway and formed the Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie Railway Company. It was nicknamed the “Soo Line” after the phonetic spelling of Sault. (Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie Railroad, http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minneapolis,_St._Paul_and_Sault_Ste._Marie_Railway, 11/11/2010; also Soo Line Railroad, http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Soo_Line_Railroad, 11/11/2010)
- (e) 1908: The **Soo Line** (a/k/a Minneapolis, Sault Ste. Marie and Atlantic Railway and later known as the Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie Railroad) acquired a majority ownership in Wisconsin Central Railway. Controlling interest in the Soo Line was held by Canadian Pacific Railway. The Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie Railroad was nicknamed the “Soo Line”. Soo Line (a/k/a Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie Railroad) and Wisconsin Central Railway entered into a lease agreement whereby Soo Line secured control of Wisconsin Central Railway for a 99-year period. Soo Line operated Wisconsin Central Railway as a separate division. (Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie Railroad, http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minneapolis,_St._Paul_and_Sault_Ste._Marie_Railway, 11/11/2010; also Soo Line Railroad, http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Soo_Line_Railroad, 11/11/2010; also Wisconsin Central Railway 1897-1954, [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wisconsin_Central_Railway_\(1897%E2%80%931954\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wisconsin_Central_Railway_(1897%E2%80%931954)), 11/11/2010)
- (f) 1954: Wisconsin Central Railway became Wisconsin Central Railroad Company again. (Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie Railroad, http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minneapolis,_St._Paul_and_Sault_Ste._Marie_Railway, 11/11/2010; also Wisconsin Central Railway 1897-1954, [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wisconsin_Central_Railway_\(1897%E2%80%931954\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wisconsin_Central_Railway_(1897%E2%80%931954)), 11/11/2010)

- (g) 1961: Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie Railroad, Wisconsin Central Railroad Company, and the Duluth South Shore and Atlantic Railway Company merged to create the **Soo Line Railroad Company**. (Soo Line Railroad, http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Soo_Line_Railroad, 11/11/2010; also Wisconsin Central Railway 1897-1954, [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wisconsin_Central_Railway_\(1897%E2%80%931954\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wisconsin_Central_Railway_(1897%E2%80%931954)), 11/11/2010)
- (h) 1986: Soo Line formed the **Lake States Transportation Division** to operate its rail lines, including most of Wisconsin Central Railway's tracks. (Soo Line Railroad, http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Soo_Line_Railroad, 11/11/2010)
- (i) 1987: Soo Line sold Lake State Transportation Division to Wisconsin Central Transportation Corporation. Wisconsin Central Transportation Corporation was a holding company with three subsidiaries, one of which was **Wisconsin Central Limited** that operated the railroad. (Soo Line Railroad, http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Soo_Line_Railroad, 11/11/2010; also Wisconsin Central Ltd., http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wisconsin_Central_Transportation, 11/11/2010)
- (j) 1990-1992: Canadian Pacific Railway purchased the remaining shares of Soo Line stock and made the Soo Line Railroad Company a wholly owned subsidiary. (A 100-year Timeline History of The Soo Line Railroad, <http://kohlin.com/soo/soo-hist.htm>, 11/11/2010; also Soo Line Railroad, http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Soo_Line_Railroad, 11/11/2010)
- (k) 2001: Wisconsin Central Limited was purchased by **Canadian National Railway**. (Wisconsin Central Ltd., http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wisconsin_Central_Transportation, 11/11/2010)